

Just a Word from the LORD Matters

How the love of my son, Darien brought healing to my marriage and how this letter has touched many women's hearts.

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Mother's Day 2008: A letter from my son Darien.

'Mom, when I was a child, it was such a comfort to know you were always there for me, and though my needs have changed since then, my feelings have not. I still rely on you for so many things that only a mother can give. When I need advice, I feel I can count on you to help me put things in their proper perspectives.

When I have good news, I always want to share it with you. And when things aren't going so well, I know you will make things better just by listening, caring and understanding and you always do.

That is why no matter how grown up I may be, no matter where I go in life or what I do, my love for you will never outgrow. "

I have always treasured Darien words in this letter. It has touched many hearts around the world. It was the same very words that D. Walley wrote to his mother which prompted Darien to write to me on Mother's Day.

He went on to say, "Dearest Alummy. looking at how time flies just reflects how much love you have given to us. Let this day be a special day for you to dedicate our most sincere gratitude and deepest love to a mother that has set the direction for our lives. Thank you for everything. We love you and may our good Lord richly bless you, MUACK!!.

With love, Boy"

If you are a mother, remember that no matter how grown up your children may be, they still need a mother's love. The wise counsel that God has imparted through a mother, her prayers, her loving faithfulness, forgiving and caring heart, will always minister to us. Our life as a mother is not complete until we leave this earth to join Jesus in eternity.

Our children still need us regardless of their age. A mother is still- a mother who will always care for her children irrespective of how rebellious they can be. As a mother, it is our duty to pray for God to help us to set things right for our children.

It is the power of God's love that has turned around my son Joshua from a rebellious child to a filial one who loves God. He accompanied me on a recent mission trip to Penang. Sitting amongst leaders of Full Gospel Assembly and other business people in Penang, he witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit made manifest through me. Joshua was speechless with awe. As more and more business people sought me for godly counsel, I could see Joshua's expression of pride on his face .

I am proud to have a very strongly bonded family who stands with me through thick and thin, in good times and in bad times. What is your love towards your spouse, your children, your brethren and your friends or even bosses? We can do all the right things but unless they emanate from the love of Christ, they are dead works. When we love others through the Holy Spirit, they will experience God's love firsthand .

When I was in Sri Lanka, my son Darien, then nine, sent me a birthday greeting which read: "*Mom, even though you are far away I can feel your love.*" He also sends me a plaque along with it saying 'charity is the heart of caring as kindness comes through *love* and sharing. Giving a part of yourself each day, seeking to help others along the way' This is deeply anchored in my heart and today I continue to bear the testimony of having touched many through the Father's *love* .

I am very proud to *have* a very caring son in Darien, whom God has raised in these last days to touch many lives through the marketplace. He, for one, has always touched my husband and me. When Darien was about ten years old, he pleaded with me *over* a long-distance call not to divorce. Then, I was very bitter towards my husband and adamant to divorce. Praise be to God! After I put down the phone, I had an encounter with Him in the wee hours of the morning. I started reflecting on my life.

I was in a dilemma. I asked God for one word that will prove He is the one true God - a word that will set the direction for my marriage. Mal 2:16 which was earlier given to me ten years before, popped out from the Bible: "*For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce.*" This *verse* is proof that our God is the one true God. I started attending church with my friends in Sri Lanka, and got *saved* . I was mightily used by Him with signs and wonders following my faith. Whatever we hear God is saying is directly related to our desire to hear Him speak. Disregarding God's word is a disastrous mistake.

I am thankful I had chosen the right path. I *gave* my marriage a second chance and, today, we are a closely knit family bonded by God's *love*. We are touching many lives with His *love*~ Today, I am exhorting those going through marriage challenges to *give* their marriage a second chance. Let go and let God. He will always work things out for you.

God is on the throne. His purposes continue to unfold as He has planned. Who are we to instruct Him? How could we presume to tell Him what He should do? We must wait silently before Him to hear what He has to say next. His Word is our life. (Hab 2:20). Though my marriage did not mend till three years later owing to my arrogance and stubbornness, His unseen hand has been at work without my knowledge. God desires we have wholesome marriages. My obligation was only to respond to God and allow Him to direct my destiny. I am, today, a testimony of God's grace and the lives of many, whom I *have* touched especially my family. I truly thank God for a wonderful husband in Peter and two loving children Joshua and Darien, who always meet my needs and stand watch with me through my trials and tribulations. No amount of reasoning or problem solving can explain some of life's circumstances. Only a word from God can bring peace to our hearts and bring clarity to our minds. Our faithful diligence in waiting for God's *rhema* word will determine what we hear.

God is at work in our midst. We do not *have* to coax Him to become involved in our world. We must open our eyes to recognize and understand what He is already doing in our lives. May God bless your family!

The above letter was read at Ladies Fellowship recently in the Penang mission, making many mothers tear.
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